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“Sex” refers to biology (and yes, as Anne Fausto-Stirling brilliantly recounts, the dividing people into two biological sexes rather than more, or a continuum, is hugely problematic), and “gender” is the whole set of attitudes, feelings, interests, clothing and behavior that has been arbitrarily divided into “masculine” and “feminine,” causing profound damage when people’s attitudes, feelings and the rest are classified as either appropriate and normal or inappropriate and abnormal, depending on their biological sex. One way to prevent such damage is to make it crystal clear that one’s sex should not be equated with and should not determine how one feels, thinks, dresses and acts. This cannot happen when the picture is blurred by the misuse of terms.

For instance, when a journalist writes in “Both sexes seek attractiveness in one-night stand partners” (April, *Monitor*) that “both genders prioritize

looks in their partners,” the meaning is that people (of any sex) who are feminine and those who are masculine prioritize looks in their partners, not at all what was surely intended. This may be particularly confusing in light of research showing that both gay and straight men care more about partners’ appearance than do women.

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Evidence for the evolutionary?
I APPRECIATE BEING PART OF A scientific, research-based profession. Therefore I am disturbed when I read articles such as “Bonding over others’ business” by Zak Stambor in the April *Monitor*. At least 20 percent of the article was dedicated to speculating about the possible psychological behavior of our caveman ancestors. We have no data about this matter, and never can have it. The author and those he cites take our supposed reasons for gossip today, project them back on hypothetical ancient conditions and say that is

the reason for our current behavior. Are we inventing a folklore of prehistory for ourselves? We would do better to limit ourselves to what is observable and testable.

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CORRECTIONS

The roster of Centering on Mentoring task force members in the May 2006 president’s column listed Haydee M. Cuevas, PhD, as having obtained her degree in 1904. She received her degree in 2004.

On page 35 of the June *Monitor*, Michael Scheier, PhD, is incorrectly listed as the speaker delivering the address, “Social and Psychological Predictors of Susceptibility to the Common Cold.” Sheldon Cohen, PhD, is delivering the address. Scheier is chairing the session.

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